

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

**George W. Bush**

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### **Proclamation 8317—Veterans Day, 2008**

*October 31, 2008*

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### **A Proclamation**

On Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women who in defense of our freedom have bravely worn the uniform of the United States.

From the fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our Nation's ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America's veterans answered the call when asked to protect our Nation from some of the most brutal and ruthless tyrants, terrorists, and militaries the world has ever known. They stood tall in the face of grave danger and enabled our Nation to become the greatest force for freedom in human history. Members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard have answered a high calling to serve and have helped secure America at every turn.

Our country is forever indebted to our veterans for their quiet courage and exemplary service. We also remember and honor those who laid down their lives in freedom's defense. These brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice for our benefit. On Veterans Day, we remember these heroes for their valor, their loyalty, and their dedication. Their selfless sacrifices continue to inspire us today as we work to advance peace and extend freedom around the world.

With respect for and in recognition of the contributions our service members have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor America's veterans.

**Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush**, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2008, as Veterans Day and urge all Americans to observe November 9 through November 15, 2008, as National Veterans Awareness Week. I encourage all Americans to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of our veterans through ceremonies and prayers. I call upon Federal, State, and local officials to display the flag of the United States and to support and participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I invite civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, businesses, unions, and the media to support this national observance with commemorative expressions and programs.

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### **Executive Order 13477—Settlement of Claims Against Libya**

*October 31, 2008*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and pursuant to the August 14, 2008, claims settlement agreement between the United States of America and Libya (Claims Settlement Agreement), and in recognition of the October 31, 2008, certification of the Secretary of State, pursuant to section 5(a)(2) of the Libyan Claims Resolution Act (Public Law 110-301), and

in order to continue the process of normalizing relations between the United States and Libya, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1.** All claims within the terms of Article I of the Claims Settlement Agreement (Article I) are settled.

(a) Claims of United States nationals within the terms of Article I are espoused by the United States and are settled according to the terms of the Claims Settlement Agreement.

(i) No United States national may assert or maintain any claim within the terms of Article I in any forum, domestic or foreign, except under the procedures provided for by the Secretary of State.

(ii) Any pending suit in any court, domestic or foreign, by United States nationals (including any suit with a judgment that is still subject to appeal or other forms of direct judicial review) coming within the terms of Article I shall be terminated.

(iii) The Secretary of State shall provide for procedures governing applications by United States nationals with claims within the terms of Article I for compensation for those claims.

(iv) The Attorney General shall enforce this subsection through all appropriate means, which may include seeking the dismissal, with prejudice, of any claim of a United States national within the terms of Article I pending or filed in any forum, domestic or foreign.

(b) Claims of foreign nationals within the terms of Article I are settled according to the terms of the Claims Settlement Agreement.

(i) No foreign national may assert or maintain any claim coming within the terms of Article I in any court in the United States.

(ii) Any pending suit in any court in the United States by foreign nationals (including any suit with a judgment that is still subject to appeal or other forms of direct judicial review) coming within the terms of Article I shall be terminated.

(iii) Neither the dismissal of the lawsuit, nor anything in this order, shall affect the ability of any foreign national to pur-

sue other available remedies for claims coming within the terms of Article I in foreign courts or through the efforts of foreign governments.

(iv) The Attorney General shall enforce this subsection through all appropriate means, which may include seeking the dismissal, with prejudice, of any claim of a foreign national within the terms of Article I pending or filed in any court in the United States.

**Sec. 2.** For purposes of this order:

(a) The term “United States national” has the same meaning as “national of the United States” in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22)), but also includes any entity organized under the laws of the United States or any jurisdiction within the United States (including foreign branches).

(b) The term “foreign national” means any person other than a United States national.

(c) The term “person” means any individual or entity, including both natural and juridical persons.

(d) The term “entity” means a partnership, association, trust, joint venture, corporation, group, subgroup, or other organization.

**Sec. 3.** This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, instrumentalities, or entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
October 31, 2008.

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**Memorandum on Assignment of Functions Under Section 1265 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181)**

*October 31, 2008*

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Assignment of Functions Under Section 1265 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181)

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby assign to you the reporting function conferred upon the President by section 1265 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181).

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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**Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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**October 25**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

**October 27**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Gustav from August 31 to September 7.

**October 28**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at Republican Na-

tional Committee headquarters, he met with staff members.

**October 29**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President was briefed by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The White House announced that the President will participate in the United Nations meeting on interfaith dialog on November 13 in New York City, NY.

The President declared a major disaster in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement Territory recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Omar from October 14–16.

**October 30**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He was then briefed by National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Later, he traveled to Quantico, VA.

Later in the morning, at Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico, the President visited Marine Helicopter Squadron One hangar, where he met with service members and thanked them for their service.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rachmiel Liberman, Harley Lippman, and Jonathan J. Rikoon as members of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

The President announced that he has designated Daniel Rosenblum as Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Program Coordinator and Coordinator for Overall Assistance and Economic Cooperation Strategy for the Independent States of the former Soviet Union at the Department of State.

**October 31**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.